



## STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **NEW BOOSTER SHOT TO BE REQUIRED FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS 2006-07 School Year**

Dear Parents of Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

The 2006 Virginia General Assembly recently passed a law which requires **all** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) **booster shot** prior to entry into school this September, if at least five years has passed since the child's last shot.

Please review your child's shot record. No student will be admitted to a Stafford middle school in September without this immunization. If their last shot was before 2001 please have this done prior to the first day of school. This shot may be listed as T, Td, Dtap, and /or Tdap, call your doctor or local health department if you have questions.

Shots may be obtained from your doctor or military clinics. The Stafford Health Department (659-3101) also offers immunizations free of charge on Friday mornings (from 8a.m. to 12:00).

Documentation of the Tdap should be taken to your child's middle school no later than August 28, 2006. However, a 90 day conditional enrollment may be granted after consultation with the school nurse if a family is unable to secure an immediate appointment with their doctor.

Thank you for your assistance.